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CASTILLO STREET UNDERPASS SET TO RE-OPEN AT 9AM TOMORROW

SANTA BARBARA –The Castillo Street underpass at Hwy. 101 in Santa Barbara is set to re-open Friday, May 26 at 9am after an 11-day closure.

The work involved repaving the underpass to prevent the chronic water seepage onto Castillo Street and the adjacent freeway ramps.

The contractor for this \$3.2 million repair project is Whitaker Construction. They are using an innovative water-barrier technology developed by the Army Corps of Engineers and being installed by OsmoTech.

The electro-osmosis system will be activated in a month to allow for the new concrete roadway to cure properly. Until then, motorists may still experience wet pavement.

For traffic updates on other state highway projects in Santa Barbara County, motorists can call Caltrans District 5 Public Affairs at 805-568-0858 or visit the District 5 website at: <http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/maint/road/upsb.htm>

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